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(Fourth Committee)

Organization of work

Note by the Chair

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for consideration are listed in document A/C.4/69/1. Background information on those items, including references to related documentation, is set out in the annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth session (A/69/100).[1]

2. The General Assembly, in rule 99, paragraph (b), of its rules of procedure, calls upon each Main Committee to adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated for the consideration of each item.

3. The General Assembly decided that the sixty-ninth session should recess on Tuesday, 16 December 2014, and that, inter alia, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should complete its work by Thursday, 13 November 2014 (see A/69/250, paras. 14 and 15).

4. To that end, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) may wish to consider adopting as a provisional guideline the approximate dates set out below for the consideration of the items on its agenda with the understanding that they may be revised periodically, as appropriate. The Committee will also consider certain items on its agenda jointly in order to ensure the full and efficient utilization of the conference facilities allocated to it. As indicated below, the conference services have allocated 25 meetings to the Committee and have urged the Committee to make every effort to complete its work within the time allotted. Should the Committee wish to change the dates on which it considers items, it would still have to work within the dates and times indicated below.

[1] For the final list of agenda items adopted by the General Assembly, see A/69/251.

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Agenda items	*Dates of consideration*
Organization of work	Thursday, 2 October 2014, morning (1 meeting)
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations (item 55)	Tuesday, 7 October, afternoon Wednesday, 8 October, afternoon Thursday, 9 October, afternoon Friday, 10 October, afternoon Monday, 13 October, morning Tuesday, 14 October, morning (6 meetings)
Economic and other activities that affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 56)	
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 57)	
Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 58)	
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (item 59)	
(joint general debate and statements by representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as petitions on Non-Self-Governing Territories approved to be heard by the Committee)	
International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate) (item 49)	Wednesday, 15 October, morning Thursday, 16 October, morning Friday, 17 October, morning (3 meetings)
Questions relating to information (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate) (item 54)	Tuesday, 21 October, afternoon Wednesday, 22 October, afternoon Thursday, 23 October, afternoon (3 meetings)
Effects of atomic radiation (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate) (item 48)	Friday, 24 October, afternoon (1 meeting)
Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate) (item 52)	Tuesday, 28 October, morning Wednesday, 29 October, morning Thursday, 30 October, morning Friday, 31 October, morning (4 meetings)
Comprehensive review of special political missions (item 53)	Monday, 3 November, afternoon (1 meeting)
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (question-and-answer period followed by a general debate) (item 50)	Tuesday, 4 November, afternoon Wednesday, 5 November, afternoon (2 meetings)

Committees during the sixty-ninth session. The attention of the members is also drawn to the decision of the Assembly to waive, at its sixty-ninth session, the quorum required, under rule 108 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, for the Chair to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed (see A/69/250, paras. 16 and 19).

9. In view of the limited number of meetings available to the Committee, it is suggested that the time limit for statements be set at 10 minutes, with the exception of statements made by the spokespersons of groups of delegations, which would be extended to 15 minutes. In this connection, the Chair will set the time limit for the petitioners as it is deemed necessary.

10. The list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) is contained in document A/C.4/69/INF/1, which will be updated as necessary.